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Mrs. J. E. Buckley Entertains Womens' Club

The Woman's Club met in the home of Mrs. J. E. Buckley last Friday night. The usual business of the club was transacted after which the following program was given. Subject "The Art of the Navajo Indian." A paper "The Navajo Weaver" by Mrs. C. B. Moore was very interesting and who exhibited a beautiful Navajo scarf.

Mrs. K. V. Bowen read an interesting paper on "Legends, Motifs and Symbolisms of the Navajo" also had for inspection a piece of Navajo jewelry. Mrs. J. A. Sydenstricker read a beautiful Indian poem, "Hivath's Woeing". Miss Evelyn Lazenby, guest soloist, sang "From the Land of the Sky Blue Waters."

The guest for the program were: Misses Delpha Snedegar, Nancy McNeel, Janet Hall, Priscilla Collins, Evelyn Lazenby, Orla Beard, Virginia Ault and Mrs. Blanche Eblen.

Members present were: Mrs. J. A. Sydenstricker, Mrs. Sam Pollock, Mrs. H. C. Soller, Mrs. D. C. Addison, Mrs. P. R. Overholt, Mrs. S. H. Sharp, Mrs. C. B. Moore, Mrs. K. V. Bowen, Mrs. Z. S. Smith, Jr. Mrs. Calvin Price, Mrs. A. C. McCoy and Miss Anna Lee Irvine.

Miss Annie King and Mrs. J. E. Buckley, hostesses.

POCAHONTAS COUNTY CORN SHOW

The second annual County Corn Show, sponsored by the First National Bank, was held at Marlinton last Saturday. There were sixty-two exhibits and the exhibits were exceptionally high class. The occasion brought a crowd of intelligent, progressive people to town.

Prizes were offered in four classes and the winners were as follows:

Class 1—Red's Yellow Dent, Adam C. Moore; second, J. M. Workman; third, Geo. P. Hill.

Class 2—White Dent First, Alva E. Moore; second, John H. Doyle; third, L. F. Fowler.

Class 3—Any Other Dent First, L. R. Hively; second, Henry D. Hively; third, Ray Hively.

Class 4—Single ear, any variety. First (white), Alva E. Moore; second (yellow) Geo. P. Hill; third (yellow) Lawson Hill.

Among the other exhibitors were: John Clark, S. J. Pyles, Andrew Moore, E. B. VanReenen, J. H. Bizzard, Win. C. Gardner, Kenzie W. Hively, Chas. Hill, J. O. Cogar, W. D. Burgess, Russell Barlow, G. M. Ervine, E. F. McLaughlin, E. C. Sheets, G. C. Beard, H. W. Beard, Mathew Beard, Glen C. Moore, Geo. F. Alderman, T. L. Beard, Carl G. Beard, Milburn Sharp, Elmer Sharp, R. M. Beard, T. R. McNeill, L. T. Coyner, Levi Baxter, T. M. McNeel, N. W. Clark, Geo. Henry Moore.

The judging was done by D. R. Dodd, seed expert of the Extension Department of the University. He knew his business. A valuable educational feature of the judging was Mr. Dodd's explanation in full why he placed ribbons on certain exhibits and why other entries were passed over. When the ribbons were all placed, Mr. Dodd conducted a class in corn judging, in which a dozen or more farm boys and men took part.

In corn judging, a perfect score is 100 points, and the main points to be considered were maturity, 30 points; freedom from disease and damage, 20 points; germination, record 20; type 30. Under type the things considered were length and circumference of ear; shape of ear; size and shape of kernels; color of kernels and color uniformity of sample.

In the afternoon, a popular meeting was held at the Seneca Theatre, to hear addresses by J. O. Knapp, and D. R. Dodd, and see the motion pictures about corn culture. This meeting was presided over by S. B. Wallace and it was largely attended. Mr. Dodd stressed the importance of the corn crop, the importance of good seed, and the right strains of corn for this high altitude.

The pictures were especially interesting. They were furnished by the International Harvester Company. They covered the whole range of corn culture—picking the seed; planting, cultivating, harvesting and feeding.

Wild Turkeys

Since the list of lucky ones who bagged wild turkeys this season was published last week, the names of the following have been received: Fred B. Moore, Huntersville, 2; G. P. Baxter, Edray, 1 hen; Edgar Dille, Cloverlick, 2 hens; Mrs. Phillip Gibson 1; Pinkey Doyle 2; Charles J. Taylor 2; Grover Taylor 2; Wade Galford 2; George Taylor 2; Russell Taylor 1.

Dear Calvin: Register me for one turkey and one bear.

Allen Galford

Cass, W. Va.

Miss Margaret Callison, who was with the Veterans Hospital in Knoxville, Iowa, for the past two and half years, has been transferred to Philadelphia, Pa.

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CHEAT BRIDGE

Dear Calvin: I just returned from the Valley of Virginia, where I had been to have Thanksgiving dinner with my mother who is 94 years young, hale and hearty, and seemed to be the happiest of the 50 people who surrounded the table at big long.

I saw the old home of yours, where your dear old father and mother, in your youth, were sowing seeds of Christian faith and high morals. Seeds that are still bearing fruit of the very best that is.

The W. M. Club, house at this place has been completed and is being occupied. Mrs. Ernest Harper, an estimable lady is in charge.

The Western Maryland R. R. is doing a big business. A train of from 20 to 40 cars of coal and timber each day passed yesterday on the way to Elk valley to be loaded with coal and lumber.

Price Grange, who has charge of the Cheat Club, has gone to Pittsburgh on business. Mrs. Grange and Miss Mary Greathouse are entertaining guests at the Club during his absence.

Mrs. M. E. Anderson, who has been taking treatment under Dr. God Hall of Durbin, is very much improved.

Miss Sue Cromer has returned from Virginia, where she has been visiting friends.

Connell Gillispie's car skidded out of the road recently and went over a bank. No one was hurt and no damage done. With a little help he was back in the road and went his way, thankful that things were not worse.

We've had some cold weather: 15 below zero Saturday morning, Nov. 30—About 12 inches of snow, the road is being kept open on the Randolph side, a drag is put over it each day.

With compliments of the season, Your friend, H. E. Cromer

Captain Clyde Herold, of Mill Gap, Virginia, suffered painful injuries last Friday. He and another man were entering a long pole on their shoulders. The other man let his end fall without warning, and Mr. Herold was struck on the head and about the chest. He was knocked unconscious, and was badly torn and bruised about the shoulders and body.

Anita Stuart, little five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Dickson, of Saint Charles, Virginia, died Thursday, December 5, 1929, from injuries received from a barn on Wednesday. While standing in front of an open gate her dress caught fire and before the flames could be extinguished she was severely burned. She was immediately taken to the hospital at Appalachia, Virginia, but the case proved fatal. Before marriage Mrs. Dickson was Miss' Elsie Pritchard, of Naps Creek.

The fire alarm sounded last Saturday morning. A spark had caught in the shingle roof of Dr. O. H. Kee's residence. The fire was put out before much damage was done.

Clay Tallman was home from Alderson College for Thanksgiving.

SHERIFF KILLED

Charles A. Gum, Sheriff of Bath County, was shot and instantly killed on Saturday night, December 7, 1929 at Rhododendron Lodge, near Bath. He was shot by George Washington Messer Jr., just after the sheriff had shot and mortally wounded George Washington Messer, Sr. Then young Messer was shot, possibly fatally, by T. F. McCune, who had been deputized by Sheriff Gum to assist him.

Some men and boys had gathered at boxing contest at the Lodge; there was some liquor; the Messers created disturbance and there was a fight or two. The management telephoned for Sheriff Gum. He arrived in a few minutes from his home at the Warm Springs. He attempted to place the elder Messer under arrest. Messer resisted, shot at the Sheriff, and was shot by the Sheriff. The younger Messer then shot Mr. Gum in the face at close range with a shot gun, and attempted to run away. He was stopped with a load of shot by T. F. McCune.

The wounded man was taken to the Clifton Forge hospital. He is dangerously wounded.

Charles A. Gum was 37 years of age. For the past 27 years he has been Sheriff of Bath county. His father was sheriff before him. He was a popular and efficient officer. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Lollie Rindel, of Pocahontas county, and their four children.

The funeral service was conducted from the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church on Monday afternoon in the presence of a large assembly of people from all parts of Bath county.

The Messers are from the West Virginia and Kentucky border country. They are near relatives of the Messer family, who formerly lived on Buckley mountain near Stillwell. The elder Messer was 65 years of age and his son 21 years.

FROM ANGLE JOB

December should be the happiest month in the year. It is the happiest month of the child's year. If we are going to hold children's interest and confidence we must help them rejoice.

The goodliest weather should not be allowed to take the cheer out of the Sunday school session. The room should be made as attractive as possible this season of the year. Sing Christmas hymns. Use Christmas memory verses. Talk about Christmas. Christmas is the most important festival of the Christian Church. For in giving His birth, you must have His life. His death, and His resurrection.

If you would do the will of the Father, you must be sincere in your attempt to spread good cheer. Your efforts must spring from a heart that appreciates what the world owes to the birth of Christ, and which startles children's happy anticipation of the day.

Any first grade prize on your part will be quickly detected. Do not let the music shorten the lesson study package. You will find the children like some of the old Christmas hymns better than the new ones.

Appoint a committee of young people to have the room tastefully decorated by December 22. It will help if some one will work with them who will regard the decorating as an act of worship.

What about your plans for last January? Have they all thrived? How about your enthusiasm for the sale just a little some time during the year? Have you really done the best you could with God's help? This is the last month of the year.

John S. Lee, of Beaver Creek, went over to Mrs. Chapel of Anthony's Creek some weeks ago. He parked his car near the church and went in to the service. In some way the car got started and plunged down a steep rough road some 200 feet to the bottom. There was no hurt to the car, but the car was not hurt in the least. It had passed between two stumps, raking the bark off of each stump, so close were the stumps together.

Mrs. M. E. Neley, of Bartow, entertained the W. M. Club November 29. She was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Monfroe of Roncovearte. Those present were: Misses Jessie Brown Beard, Alma Miller, Eunice Neley, Nanetta Miller, Mary Neley, Elizabeth Matheny, Nola Wilfong, Ethel Beverage, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McLaughlin; Lincoln Barner, Ted Matheny, Eugene Barner, Boyd Beverage, James Neley, Edgar Monroe, Forrest Hughes, Marshall Matheny, Hubert Miller. Delicious refreshments were served, and all reported a good time.

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Teachers' Meeting

The following teachers met Tuesday evening to discuss the subject of Geography and History in regard to the present Course of Study: A. W. Hill, Okie Walton, Lucille Gibson, Neil Y. McLaughlin, Olive McNeil, Jewel Warwick, Elizabeth Hill, Mabel Hansford, Ina Yeager, Glenna Moore, Florence Howard, Eula Dille, Madge E. Shepard, Virginia Lancaster, Ida Sue Choise, Jessie H. Mitchell, Edna C. Knapper, B. F. E. Woodell, Erma McCarty and J. Z. Johnson acting as chairman of the meeting.

The following persons will report on special topics at the next meeting: Glenna Moore, teaching "Citizenship" in the primary grades; Jean Dever, Responsibility of a pupil as a citizen; Ida Sue Choise, Citizenship; in fourth and fifth grades in regard to the State Course of Study; Harold Hall, "Citizenship" in the sixth and seventh grades; Glenna Barnes, "Citizenship" in the eighth grade according to the course of Study.

The Biggest Little Thing

"What is the biggest little thing in the United States?" This is the question asked by the Journal of the Outdoor Life, which gives the following answer: "At this particular season of the year at any rate it would seem to be the Christmas Seal. At a penny apiece, a dollar a sheet, Christmas seals are literally sweeping the country and providing health and happiness for thousands of people next year. Nearly two billion Christmas seals, tiny messengers of health, are ringing in a new year of life to many sufferers from tuberculosis."

From the point of view of life-saving, the Christmas seal is the biggest little thing in the way of investment that one can make at this season of the year. A dollar spent in Christmas seals reaps a profit of many dollars in health.

Buy all you can, then buy some more.

D. W. Williams, J. E. Buckley, William Buckley, John Buckley and Walter Graham have returned from a week's deer hunt in Union county, Pennsylvania. Each one brought in a fine buck deer.

Mrs. Phillip Gibson, of Elk, was one of the lucky ones to kill a wild turkey this year. This makes two ladies to get wild turkeys—Mrs. C. F. Gay, of Marlinton, was the other one.

Word has come that W. H. Sharp of Washington, D. C. had to have his leg amputated just above the knee last Tuesday. For some time Mr. Sharp has been greatly afflicted with a sore on his foot.

The "On Time" class of the Methodist Sunday School will hold a food and candy sale Saturday, December 14th, beginning at 2 o'clock at Kee's Drug Store.

ACT A MAN

A good man loves his neighbor Also his neighbor's child. The boy is not by good men Toward disgrace beguiled. To give a boy a smoke of chew, is not the highest thing to do But rather stupid and untrue, And wild.

I would not take tobacco, From those who have used it long, From those who've formed the habit, Already good and strong, Nor would I give to a youth, Nor boy would I befriend or soothe, In such a way, or please his tooth, So wrong.

The cigarette looks harmless, The pretty little sneak, To smoke it is to banish The color from the cheek. If you must smoke, boys, get a pipe. And draw, and puff, and sweat, and wipe. But if you can, be not that type, And weak.

We do not have to gain the world, To lose our soul, Or own the earth both land and sea, From pole to pole. Just be a conscious violator, A shunner and a duty hater, No sin on earth is any greater, Of the whole.

A multitude of grains of sand, Make a sea shore, The sea is many water drops Whose breakers roar. Enough of little sins collective Will make the soul become inactive, Each violation is effective, We do not have to gain the world To lose our soul, To become cold, and dull, and void, And blank, and dull, A heartless piece of human flesh, That feels no guilt or conscience lash That cannot love, or smile or blush—A dead coal.

A. S. Robertson is recovering from a severe illness.

John Dunlap, of Lexington, Virginia, and M. H. Beale, of Linwood, were in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Bruce Crickard were over from Valley Head for the week end at the home of Harlow Waugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gehauf and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McFerrin and son Garland were in Lewisburg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and children and Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Meadows were in Monroe county over Sunday.

Mrs. Lucy King, of Edray, returned on Wednesday from Manson, North Carolina, where she was called by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. A. P. Watkins, who is now better.

KIWANIS

It was book review night at the Marlinton Kiwanis last Friday. The book considered was Paul H. Price's Geological report for Pocahontas County. It is a most valuable and interesting book. This book differs so much from the ordinary run of public documents, in that it is a labor of love by an expert geologist and an interesting and practical man, and not merely a seasons work by a time server. This book should be in the homes and schools of Pocahontas County. The Boards of Education should see that every teacher has it. They will do a better job of teaching after they have read and studied it. While there are technical terms in the book that are not used in every day conversation, a dictionary will open these jaw breakers up and take away their mystery and terror. Mr. Price came here and found a people whom he liked, and who liked and appreciated him. For twenty minutes fine things were said about Mr. Price and his book. This editor is awaiting a convenient time to print a real piece about this book.

Next meeting night the address will be by Judge S. H. Sharp. Also the annual election of officers will take place. The guests of honor will be the athletic directors of the Greenbank, Levels and Edray District High Schools, Messrs. Hedrick, Gregory and Lord. Also the captains of these high school football teams.

DIED

Mitchell M. Cochran died at his home at 518 7th Avenue, Huntington on December 2, 1929. He was the son of Thomas M. and Nancy Sterna Cochran and was born near Beard, Pocahontas county, January 4, 1860, lacking one month and twelve days of being seventy years old at the time of his death. He moved to Roncovearte, Greenbrier county, and married Nannie Dolan, May, 1893. He leaves to mourn his departure his widow and nine children: Carrie, Ida, Cathleen, Thomas, and Mrs. E. E. Calhoun, of Huntington; Iry, of Lexington, Va.; Mrs. J. E. East, of Covington, Va.; Mrs. Nellie Gomer, of Hinton, and Carl, of Houston, Texas. One son, George, died about six years ago. He was a kind husband, loving father and a good neighbor, and will be missed by his host of friends.

His remains were brought to Roncovearte and laid to rest by his son in the family plot in the Roncovearte cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. A. N. Perry, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Roncovearte and the Order of Odd Fellows.

Charlesston, W. Va.—Cecil Syms and Miss Hilda Ashley were united in marriage on November 20, 1929, at 8 p. m., by Rev. C. T. Brookshire. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Ashley, of Charleston. The groom is a son of Mrs. K. O. Wade of Sectors. He is employed in the electrical department of Galtice Chemical Company of South Charles. Among those witnessing the ceremony were L. R. Ashley, Miss Ruth Stadden, Otis Bird, Mrs. Nancy Brannan, Mrs. Brookshire. A shower was given the bride on November 25 by her mother. Many beautiful presents were received. Refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Syms will make their home at 811 Main-st., Charleston.

Mrs. George Camper and Charlie Camper spent Sunday in Roncovearte with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hanftin.

On Wednesday morning word came to L. O. Simmons that his brother-in-law, Dewitt Campbell had died at his home in Staunton, December 10

TELEGRAM

We are satisfied that no better radio set than our present Screen Grid Models can be produced either by ourselves or our competitors. We will continue to manufacture and sell the present Atwater Kent line throughout the spring season. Transmit this information to all dealers."

This telegram was just sent out by the Atwater Kent Manufacturing Company to all their distributors. Put in your order now for your Christmas present to your whole family.

The Peoples Store & Supply Co. Marlinton, West Virginia

Sheets—Waddell

Mr. Clarence Asbury Sheets and Miss Ella Elsie Waddell, of Greenbank, West Virginia, were united in marriage Wednesday evening, Nov. 27, 1929, at eight o'clock in Staunton, Virginia. The ceremony took place at the home of the groom's brother, the Rev. W. Delford Sheets, who officiated at the wedding. The ring ceremony was used.

The next day the happy couple left for Washington, for a few days honey moon trip.

The groom is the owner of the Sheets' Garage at Greenbank, and is salesman for the Oakland and Pontiac cars. The bride has been a teacher in the Greenbank graded school for the past two years. Her parents live at Jonesville, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Sheets are now residing at their home in Greenbank, W. Va.

DIPHTHERIA

Early in September diphtheria broke out in one family in Clover Lick, and before we knew what it was, several children had been exposed. Some were taken sick in school. We at once called the school and health boards and asked that something be done. We felt that a strict quarantine at least would help. Nothing was done. Children became ill at a rapid rate until at this writing some twenty or more have had diphtheria; two have died; a few still in bed; two children left with eyes crossed or drawn and speech impaired. From these afflictions doctors say they will eventually recover. Some families of five children had four of them down with it. One family, where there was no mother, was badly off—pneumonia following diphtheria—we had to secure a trained nurse.

We feel that had we been given a little aid some of the suffering might have been prevented. We finally appealed to the State Board of Health. The reply came promptly that the president of the county health board had been asked to look into the situation. He came to tell us there were not sufficient funds to help us out. Pocahontas evidently values the live stock above the children. There is money for county agents whom we never see unless we attend the county fair or the community sings.

This community is rather isolated owing to the almost impassable condition of the roads the greater part of the year; yet we pay thousands of dollars tax each year, and we are informed that we live in christian America. M. L. C.

Cakes for Christmas

Lady Caroline Brand

FRUIT CAKES

JELLY ROLLS

And a dozen other kinds that are right.

Kincaid's New System Bakery

MARLINTON, W. VA.

Big Auction Sale

at Bartow, W. Va.

Wednesday, December 18th, 1929

Beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.

Merchandise, household goods, Alladen Lamps, etc.

All my household goods, stock of General Merchandise, Alladen Lamps and lamp supplies, and other items too numerous to mention. Come and get goods at your own price.

Real Estate and Livestock

Also our real estate and livestock is for sale. Build ings and fences are in first class shape.

R. C. Miller.

ASHFORD, Auctioneer